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ANNUAL  
HEALTH REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1965



WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1965

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE (Whole Council)

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Councillor H.H. Littlewood,	

(As at 31st December, 1965)

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health:

H.E. NUTTEN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
(Commenced 15th February, 1965)

Acting Medical Officer of Health:

G. COCHRANE, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
(Resigned 19th February, 1966)

Public Health Department,

Town Hall, Buxton. (Tel. 2061)

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

A. McLANE, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Assistant to Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

G. PEARSON

Meat Inspectors: (Part-time)

C.E. HALL, M.R.C.V.S.

and

N. SALISBURY, M.R.C.V.S.

Council Offices, Whaley Bridge.

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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L     R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1965

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Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Buxton,

Derbyshire.

Tel. No. Buxton 2061

To the Chairman and Gentlemen.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District for the year 1965.

Dr. G. Cochrane was appointed Acting Medical Officer on the 1st November, 1964 and acted in that capacity until I took up my appointment on the 15th February, 1965.

The main causes of death in descending order were diseases of the heart and circulation with 32 cases (42%), cancer 14 cases (18%) and vascular lesions of the nervous system 12 cases (16%). These three groups accounted for 75% of the total number of deaths.

The total number of deaths for the year was 77. Of these 34 (40%) were aged 75 and over; 57 (74%) were aged 65 and over and 67 (87%) aged 55 and over.

The Meals on Wheels Service inaugurated in 1962 has proved a real success and our grateful thanks are due to the W.V.S. and the management and staff of the Goyt Mills in whose canteen the meals are cooked. A total of 1,760 meals were provided during the year.

I am most grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health and Housing Committee, to the General Practitioners in the area and to the staff of the Health Department for their co-operation and support during the year.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

H.E. NUTTEN

Medical Officer of Health.



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## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### Statistics:

Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres) .	3,479
Estimated Population (mid 1965) . . . . .	5,290
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1965 . . . . .	1,941
Rateable Value . . . . .	£127,746
Value of Penny Rate . . . . .	£ 514

### Vital Statistics

<u>Vital Statistics</u>		M.	F.	T.
<u>Live Births</u> - Legitimate . . . . .		39	44	83
Illegitimate . . . . .		2	3	5
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	Total	41	47	88

<u>Stillbirths</u> - Legitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
Illegitimate	. . . . .	-	-	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total		-	-	-

Total Live & Still-births	. . . . .	41	47	88
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<u>Infant Deaths</u> (Under one year of age)	Legitimate . . .	-	1	1
	Illegitimate . .	-	-	-
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Total		-	1	1

Neonatal Deaths (Under four weeks) - Legitimate	. . .	-	-	-
Illegitimate	. .	-	-	-
		<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Total		-	-	-

Early Neonatal Deaths (Under one week) -	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
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Total		-	-	-

Maternal deaths (Including abortion)	. . . . .	Nil
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Deaths - All causes	43	34	77
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	Whaley Bridge	England & Wales
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population . . . . .	16.63	18.0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	5.68	
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths . . . . .	-	15.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births . . . . .	11.36	19.0
Leg. " " " " " legitimate live births	12.05	
Illeg. " " " " " illegitimate " "	-	
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births . . . . .	-	13.0
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births .	-	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & stillbirths)	-	26.9
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths	-	
Death Rate per 1,000 population . . . . .	14.56	11.5





Comparability Factors :	Births	1.16	Deaths	0.98
Adjusted Birth Rate				19.3
Adjusted Death Rate				14.3

Comparability Factors

Since 1954 the Registrar General has issued an "area comparability factor" for each County District and for the County as a whole. The reason for this is to allow for the way in which the age and sex distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole.

Since 1957 the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted to take into account the presence of residential institutions in the area.

When the local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the factor, they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT  
DURING YEAR 1965

Causes of Death						Males	Females	Total
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	43	34	77
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	...	...		-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other		...	...	...	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	..	...	...	...	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	.	...	...	...	-	-	-
8.	Measles	..	...	...	...	-	-	-
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases					-	-	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach		...	...		3	1	4
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus			...		2	1	3
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast		...	...		-	-	-
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, uterus		...	...		-	3	3
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms					3	1	4
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia		...	...	...	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
17.	Vascular lesions of Nervous System			...		7	5	12
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	..	...	...		11	4	15
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease			...		-	1	1
20.	Other Heart Disease		...	...	...	3	5	8
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	.	...	...	...	3	5	8
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System					1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum		...	...		1	-	1
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea			...		-	1	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...		-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	...	...		-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	.	...			-	-	-
31.	Congenital Malformations	..	...	...		-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases					1	1	2
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...		-	-	-
34.	All other Accidents		...	...	...	1	2	3
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	..	...			-	-	-



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

- (a) Laboratory Facilities: Pathological and Bacteriological investigations are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, 121a, Osmaston Road, Derby (Tel. Derby 45597). Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Analyst's Department, Matlock (Tel. Matlock 3411).
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: This is a County Council service with an ambulance stationed at :
- Park Road, Buxton. (Tel. Buxton 3551)
- Park Road, New Mills. (Tel. New Mills 3333 : 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Buxton 3551 : 7 p.m. - 8 a.m.)
- Talbot House, Talbot Road, Glossop. (Tel. Glossop 3101 : 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Buxton 3551 : 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.)
- (c) Nursing in the Home: This service is administered by the County Council.
- (d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:

<u>Name and Situation</u>	<u>Clinic held</u>	<u>By whom provided</u>
Child Welfare Clinic, Church Hall, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.	Wednesday 1.30 to 4.15	Derbyshire County Council.
Eye Clinic, High Lea Hall, New Mills.	4th Tuesday each month.	-do-
Chest Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Monday 2.00 - 4.00	Regional Hospital Board.
Veneral Disease Clinic, St. Thomas' Hospital, Shaw Heath, Stockport.	Mon., Wed. & Fri.	-do-

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No action was taken under these powers.

## Water Supply

The public water supply throughout the area is under the control of the Stockport and District Water Board. Constant and wholesome supplies were maintained in all areas throughout the year.

## Clean Air Act

All industrial premises in the area have plant capable of complying in full with the Act and no complaints in connection with the Act were received during the year. No measurements of atmospheric pollution were made and no clean air zones have been declared.

## FOOD

### Food Poisoning Outbreaks

No case of food poisoning was reported.





TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES DURING 1965

Age Periods	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
1 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
5 . . . . .	1	1	-	-
15 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
25 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
35 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
45 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
55 . . . . .	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	-	-

NEW CASES DURING THE YEARS 1956 - 1965

Year	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Grand Total
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	
1956	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
1957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
1965	1	1	2	-	-	-	2





ALL CANCER DEATHS

Year	WHALEY BRIDGE		ENGLAND & WALES
	No. of Deaths	Rate Per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Population
1956	10	1.89	2.076
1957	12	2.27	2.094
1958	9	1.70	2.124
1959	15	2.84	2.140
1960	8	1.52	2.158
1961	15	2.84	2.162
1962	9	1.69	2.175
1963	7	1.32	2.178
1964	12	2.27	2.209
1965	14	2.65	2.226

DEATHS FROM CANCER OF LUNG & BRONCHUS

Year	WHALEY BRIDGE		ENGLAND & WALES
	No. of Deaths	Rate Per 1,000 Population	Rate Per 1,000 Population
1956	2	0.38	0.405
1957	4	0.76	0.424
1958	-	-	0.439
1959	7	1.33	0.464
1960	4	0.76	0.481
1961	1	0.19	0.494
1962	1	0.19	0.509
1963	2	0.38	0.520
1964	4	0.76	0.535
1965	3	0.57	0.553

DEATHS FROM BRONCHITIS

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate Per 1,000 Population
1956	3	0.57
1957	4	0.76
1958	3	0.57
1959	4	0.76
1960	3	0.57
1961	5	0.95
1962	6	1.13
1963	4	0.76
1964	3	0.57
1965	5	0.95



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1965

Disease	Total Cases Notified (all ages)	Analysis of Total Cases in age groups												
		Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5- 9	10- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 59	60 and over	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-

The following is a list of the other notifiable diseases :

Acute Poliomyelitis  
Malaria  
Smallpox  
Diphtheria  
Enteric Fever  
Puerperal Pyrexia  
Pneumonia  
Ophthalmia Neonatorum  
C.S. Fever  
Dysentery  
Whooping Cough  
Food Poisoning  
Meningococcal Infection



CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	95	-	27	494	55	-
Number inspected	95	-	27	494	55	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysterci :</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	17	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	-	-	-	3.44%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-





WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT  
ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT  
For the Year 1965.

Council Offices,  
Reservoir Road,  
Whaley Bridge.

Tel. Whaley Bridge 2163

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1965.

Housing

At the end of 1965 the Council had 318 houses and bungalows of which 211 houses and 29 bungalows had been erected during the post war years. During the same period 83 private houses and bungalows were built.

The Council continued its policy of selling Council houses to occupying tenants and during the year 9 houses were purchased by tenants.

The number of applicants for houses on the Council's waiting list was reduced to 32 in December, 1965 but the demand for elderly person's bungalows increased, the number of applicants for bungalows being 78 at the end of the year.

During the year the Council let a contract for the construction of roadworks and erection of 23 Homeville traditional type bungalows on a site off Buxton Road, Furness Vale, 4 of the bungalows have two bedrooms and the remaining 19 being of the one bedroom type. 16 of the bungalows have been approved under the Derbyshire County Councils Welfare Scheme and the bungalows are being fitted with an intercommunication call bell system linked with a warden's bungalow. The building of these bungalows was well advanced by the end of the year.

During 1965 the Council approved 20 schemes for Standard Improvement Grants in respect of houses in the area and one Discretionary Grant and paid grants to the amount of £3,211. 14 grants were approved in respect of owner-occupied premises and 6 were for rented premises.

Details of Improvements completed during the year were as follows :-

Provision of fixed bath or shower . . . . .	18
" " internal W.C. . . . .	18
" " Hot Water Supply . . . . .	19
" " Washbasin . . . . .	19
" " Ventilated Food Store . . . . .	4

No Improvement Areas have been declared in the District under the Housing Act, 1964.

Other Housing

Details of new houses erected during the year are as follows :-

(a) Local Authority . . . . .	Nil
(b) Private Construction . . . . .	2



Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects		
(under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... ..	63
Number of dwellings where action was taken to prevent re-letting		1
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of action by Local Authority (Formal or Informal)		19
Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas or otherwise		Nil

#### Rent Act, 1957

No Certificates of disrepair were issued during the year.

#### Noise Abatement Act, 1960

No action was necessary under this Act during the year.

#### Food Inspection

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year. No serious action has been necessary in relation to the condition of premises used for the storage, preparation and handling of food.

100% Meat inspection was undertaken by a local firm of Veterinary Surgeons. The privately owned slaughterhouse off Market Street, Whaley Bridge is the only licenced slaughterhouse in the area and routine inspections were made to ensure that the premises were maintained in a satisfactory condition and complied in full with the provisions of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958. During the year under review 671 animals were slaughtered and examined.

#### Sewerage

The Council's sewers connect up to the main sewers of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board and this Board also controls the sewerage disposal works at Furness Vale where the treatment is carried out. The Joint Sewerage Board is comprised of members from the Councils of Whaley Bridge Urban District and Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District.

A major scheme for the enlargement and modernisation of the Sewage Disposal Works at Furness Vale has been approved and works are to be undertaken to lay a relief sewer from Horwich End to connect with the main sewer at Whaley Bridge.

Nearly all properties withing the district are sewered excepting those in the outlying areas of Cadster and Fernilee.

Details of foul drainage are as follows :-

Number of houses and premises in district connected to sewers	...	1773
" " " " " " not connected to sewers		174
" " " connected to main sewerage system during 1965		2

#### Closet Accommodation in the Area :

Premises with Pail Closet Accommodation	... ..	20
" " Privy accommodation	... ..	2
" " W.C.	... ..	1930

During the year 5 privies and 1 pail closet were converted to W.C's.





Rag Flock Act

There are no premises within the urban area where rag flock is manufactured or sold.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The collection of refuse was carried out by direct labour using a 20 cu. yd. Pakamatic refuse collection vehicle, with a bin collection from the rear of premises. At times the collection was irregular due largely to labour difficulties and weather conditions. Tipping arrangements were unsatisfactory as the Council's tip at Fernilee had been closed and a suitable site within the area for controlled tipping could not be obtained. As a temporary expedient, tipping was carried out on a previously used site at Bridgemont but this soon got out of control and the site had to be levelled off and effectively soiled over. At the end of the year under review the Council was granted permission by the Buxton Borough Council to transport its refuse for disposal on that Authority's tip at Fairfield. A permanent solution to the Council's individual refuse disposal problem will have to be achieved although it is still considered that the most satisfactory solution would be the adoption of disposal techniques only possible if other areas would combine.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

During the year a further 2 premises were registered and the total number of registered premises at the year end was 54, made up as follows :-

Offices . . . . .	9	No. of persons employed . . . .	36
Retail Shops . . . . .	38	-do- . . . .	151
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses . . . .	1	-do- . . . .	13
Catering Establishments . . . . .	6	-do- . . . .	23
	<u>54</u>		<u>223</u>

Of the 223 persons employed in registered premises 99 were males and 124 females.

Moveable Dwellings

There is only one licensed caravan site in the area and one of the conditions of licence restricts the accommodation to not more than three caravans. The caravan site is of the permanent residential type. No difficulties arose concerning the control of caravans within the area.

Animal Boarding Establishments

Two premises were re-registered as animal boarding establishments and a further application received during the year was approved after planning permission had been granted and conditions made satisfactory to comply with the requirements of the Act.

Sanitary Inspections

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc. ... 1122

Defects or Nuisances :-

Number discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	272
Number abated with or without Notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	261

Number of Notices served :-

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Details of Public Health Inspections and Nuisances abated :-

					<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Nuisances abated</u>
Accumulations or Deposits ..	...	...	...	...	8	2
Housing Repairs ...	...	...	...	...	191	63
Drains - Repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	73	17
" Cleared of obstruction .	...	...	...	...	91	62





						<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Nuisances abated</u>
Gully Traps - Blocked or defective	...	...	...			65	12
Provision of Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	14	6
Defective Closet Accommodation	.	...	...	...	...	74	21
Defective Soil Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	15	12
Defective Sink Waste Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	18	10
Defective Water fittings	...	...	...	...	...	8	5
Public Conveniences & Urinals	..	...	...	...	...	48	1
Rodent Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	101	37
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	61	-
Animals or Birds improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	11	1
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	7	-
Foul condition of houses	..	...	...	...	...	6	1
Factories & Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	72	2
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	18	-
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	32	1
Offices, shops, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	107	-
Moveable Dwellings	.	...	...	...	...	25	-
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	77	8

### Factories

There are 38 Factories and Workshops in the area, the number of inspections and action taken being given in the following table :-

Premises	Inspections	Notices Served	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (With Mechanical Power)	29	-	-
Factories (Without Mechanical Power)	34	-	-
Other Premises	9	-	-

Defects found in Factories were as follows :-

Particulars	Number of Defects		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-
(d) Other offences against the Act	-	-	-

### Outwork

Number of outworkers on Register	...	...	...	...	...	7
(All outworkers are engaged on sewing)						
Number of cases of work undertaken on unwholesome premises						Nil



Food Inspection

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

Foodstuffs	Tins/Bottles/Packs	Weight (to nearest lb.)
Chicken	3	2 lbs.
Cooked Ham	29	188 lbs.
Other prepared meat products	21	57 lbs.
Fruit and Vegetables	25	12 lbs.
Fish	20	9 lbs.
Raw Beef	-	16 lbs.

I am, Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE

Public Health Inspector.





